

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE FIGURES

The Examiner has objected to the Figures alleging that they do not show the subject matter recited in claims 4, 10, and 17 or claims 5 and 11.

Please replace Figures 1-9 with the attached replacement figures. Figure 1 has been amended to show an illustrative embodiment of the subject matter recited in claims 4, 10, and 17 and in claims 5 and 11.

The disclosure for the amendment to Figure 1 is found in paragraphs [0072], [0104], and [0105]. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the subject application. Claims 1-3, 6, and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Claims 4, 5, and 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Claims 14-20 have been allowed and claims 8 and 9 have been objected to but are otherwise allowable. Claims 1, 6, and 9 have been amended and claim 8 has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, after entry of this amendment, the pending claims will be claims 1-7 and claims 9-20.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application based on the above amendments and the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) REJECTION

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 6, and 7 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2003/0040346 to Fukuda, et al. ("Fukuda" or the "Fukuda Reference"). The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections in view of the above amendments and for the reasons provide below.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the first and second casing each have a back surface side and, moreover, that the connection section allows the casing sections to be folded together so that the back surface side of the first casing is in registration with the back surface side of the second casing, so that the photosensor in the first casing section is in registration with the lens section in the second casing section. This feature is not taught, mentioned or suggested by the Fukuda reference in which the display section side of the first casing is in registration with the operational panel side of the second casing.

Claim 6 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 8, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable.

Accordingly, the Applicants assert that claims 1-3, 6, and 7 are not anticipated by the Fukuda reference and, further, satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 100 et seq., especially § 102(b). As such, the Applicants believe that the claims are allowable. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTION

The Examiner has rejected claims 4 and 10 under 35 USC 102(b) as being unpatentable over Fukuda in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2003/0137595 to Takachi, et al. ("Takachi" or the "Takachi Reference"); claims 5 and 11 under 35 USC 102(b) as being unpatentable over Fukuda in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,643,457 to Nakamura, et al. ("Nakamura" or the "Nakamura Reference"); and claim 13 under 35 USC 102(b) as being unpatentable over Fukuda in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2004/0048633 to Sato, et al. ("Sato" or the "Sato Reference"). The Applicant believes the grounds for rejection are now moot in view of the amendments to claims 1 and 6.

Accordingly, the Applicants assert that claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 100 et seq., especially § 103(a). As such, the Applicants believe that the claims are allowable. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

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The Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for consideration of the within Response. However, if for any reason the fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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